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In Re Application of:

Mark SELBY

Confirmation No.: 5235

Serial No.: 10/715,665

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filing Date: November 17, 2003

Examiner: Z. Lucas

Title: HBV/HCV VIRUS-LIKE PARTICLE

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated February 23, 2005, for which a response is initially due by March 23, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In particular, applicants elected to proceed with the claims of Group IV, claims 30-45, 62-69, 77 and 78 in the response filed January 26, 2005. The Examiner also required applicants to elect one of the following three subgroups if Group IV was elected:

- (A) a chimeric HBsAg fused to an HCV E1 protein;
- (B) a chimeric HBsAg fused to an HCV E2 protein; and
- (C) a chimeric HBsAg fused to an HCV E1 protein and a second chimeric HBsAg fused to an HCV E2 protein.

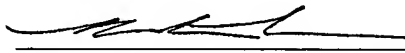
Applicants elect to proceed with subgroup (B), directed to a chimeric HBsAg fused to an HCV E2 protein. The claims of Group IV reading on this subgroup are claims 34-37, 42-45, 66-69 and 77. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

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